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APPENDIX 1.

STATEMENT OF MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF THE FBIS FOR MONITORING
COVERAGE AND PROCESSING OF MONITORED MATERIAL BY THE
BBC MONITORING SERVICE

1. MONITORING COVERAGE

a. Moscow Home and Soviet Asia Services:

FBIS requires of the BBC its present full coverage including the monitoring of non-scheduled and non-recurring broadcasts. This coverage is regarded as essential and irreducible.

b. Soviet Press Services:

The Soviet press services presently covered are required, with top priority being given whichever service(s) may be found to transmit important material the earliest. In addition, regional press bulletins for shipping, as audible, and selective coverage of SOVINFORM transmissions are considered basic to adequate coverage of the USSR.

c. Soviet International Services:

FBIS requires the maintenance of certain minimum levels of coverage of Soviet foreign broadcasts. Based on their individual importance, these broadcasts have been placed in three groups with different minimum levels of coverage as listed in Table A. Responsibility for achieving and maintaining these levels will belong to both monitoring services. Neither Service will lower the level of its coverage of these programs without the prior acquiescence of the other service. In the interest of eliminating duplicate processing, the coverage of individual Moscow foreign-language services should be covered by only one monitoring service unless reception conditions make a division necessary.

d. Soviet Regional Transmitters:

FBIS requires of the BBC coverage of the Belorussian Republic, the Baltic Republics and adjacent RSFSR areas.

e. East Germany

FBIS requires a representative sample of East German comment and extensive coverage of internal developments. Present BBC coverage of the East German radio is less useful than certain Soviet requirements and can be reduced in favor of the latter.

f. Soviet Satellite Countries:

(1) Home Services:

FBIS requires extensive coverage of the home services of Hungary, Poland, and Czechoslovakia by BBC.

(2) International Services:

FBIS requires selective sampling of the international services of all Soviet Satellite countries with emphasis on broadcasts to Yugoslavia.

(3) Press Services:

FBIS has a continued requirement for BBC's present virtually complete coverage of Soviet Satellite press services.

g. Yugoslavia

(1) FBIS requires extensive coverage of the TANYUG press service, and representative coverage of the Croatian Home Service.

(2) FBIS requires selective sampling of Yugoslav international services with emphasis on transmissions beamed to the USSR and its satellites.

h. Western Europe, including Scandinavia:

FBIS requires at least one daily domestic news broadcast covered, and where possible two, including press review or political commentary, from Iceland, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain and Portugal. The capacity to expand coverage of these countries as special developments warrant should be retained.

i. Africa:

FBIS requests the BBC to continue its efforts to improve coverage of North African broadcasts. FBIS also requires representative coverage primarily in the vernacular, of principal transmitters in the East African countries from the Sudan and Somalilands south to the Rhodesian Federation.

j. Near East:

(1) U.A.R., Greece, Turkey and Iran:

FBIS requires of BBC selective coverage of the international services of these countries.

k. Clandestine Transmissions:

Except for transmitters clearly orientated toward the U.K. or U.S., coverage of clandestine transmissions within the general area of BBC monitoring is required. The present coverage is an absolute minimum with respect to FBIS requirements.

2. PROCESSING

a. Texting:

Texts are required by FBIS of Communist broadcasts of official Government or Party communications; of statements by top Communist leaders; and of other materials in accordance with apparent significance. For non-communist broadcasts, FBIS texting requirements in general parallel the requirements of the BBC.

b. Comparison:

FBIS requires reporting of variations in broadcast versions of important materials.

c. Summaries:

Monitors' summaries are required for all programs covered. Summaries should accurately denote the format of broadcasts; should itemize in sequence factual presentation such as newscasts; should provide a running substantive account of all commentaries and other features; and should always include the central theme and the frame of reference.